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The Upper Room

6.00 pm Shrove Tuesday 4th March
at Chalvington church

Christian Stejskal, a storyteller, photographer, and violinist, has captured biblical symbols and metaphors in Israel and Egypt. His photographs depict the cultural landscape as he illustrates "The Upper Room", the Passover meal Jesus had with His twelve disciples before his crucifixion.

In his stunning performance Christian faithfully narrates chapters 13-17 of John's Gospel by heart.

This is combined with short pieces written for solo violin and the black and white visualisations of the Middle East.

The performance lasts 75 minutes; it is free to all.
A glass of wine is offered, and donations will be very welcome.

Thalia Brotherton-Ratcliffe

Onyx Brass Play the Brass Music of Malcolm Arnold (Plus 1!)

3.00 pm Sunday, 9th March
St Andrew's Church, Alfriston

Programme

Brass Quintet No. 1
Symphony for Brass
Fanfare for a Royal Occasion, Railway Fanfare
Fantasy for Tuba, Fantasy for Trumpet
Brass and Organ 'Dialogue'
by Eugène Gigout

(Organist: David Ollosson)

Tickets cost £25 with all proceeds to the church and are available online from: Eventbrite - search for 'Onyx Brass St Andrew's Church'.

Katherine Arnold
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Thank you to everyone for your generous support.

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1st prize: Alister Scott
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3rd prize: Barbara Cordner

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Arlington's Village Market and Coffee Morning + Pop-Up Museum

10.00 am - Noon, Tuesday 11th March at Arlington Village Hall.

Everyone is very welcome to visit the market and museum; we will be pleased to see you.

Some of the regular stalls are Anne's traditional fresh bread with other naughty goodies and fresh eggs; Lynne's popular home-made cakes and savouries; Jean's 'all sorts of everything' in aid of the Parkinson's Society, a second-hand book stall with books about the local area, and other sundries, jewellery, cards, crafts and more. Arlington's Pop-Up Museum will also be taking place at the same time. For this month we have a guest visitor - Wilmington Museum.

Thank you to the many people, local and from further afield, who have continued to support our monthly community event. Please bring your friends, and if you have not been before you will be very welcome. It is a very sociable morning and there is always coffee, tea and cake. At the February market the hall was once again full of people chatting and browsing amongst the many stalls and museum exhibits.

For further market information please contact Anne Hope:
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For further museum information please contact Wendy Holmes: Tel. 07889 689844,
Email talkingteapot@yahoo.co.uk.

Pauline Jackson

Firle and Beddingham Women's Institute

7.30 pm Wednesday 12th March at Firle Village Hall

At our February meeting we had a most interesting talk by Adrian Backshall about the restoration of Polegate Windmill. He showed us photos of the work that has been done to it over the years and talked about its history. Built in 1817 there are still many original parts of the workings that have stood the test

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of time. A team of volunteers helps to keep it in good condition, but it will be several years before they have enough money to finish its restoration to a working windmill.

Back in the late 1800s the miller was the great grandfather of two of our WI members and they have been able to give the museum several photos. Last summer a few of us went over for a visit on their Open Day and found it very interesting.

At our March meeting we shall welcome Sarah Webb who will teach us how to crochet. We are always looking for new members so please do come and join us for any of our meetings. Please give me a call if you would like further information.

Rosemary Norris
President Tel: 07784 707016

Spring "Fun, Fish & Finking" Quiz

From 6.30 pm on Saturday 15th March
at Alciston & Selmeston Village Hall

Expect the usual fabulous hosting team, delicious Village Chippy supper and a well-stocked bar at this extremely popular evening. Limited tables available so book early to avoid disappointment. Bring your own team of 6 or we can join you up with other friendly faces.

The cost is £15.00 per person, which includes the brain-stretching quiz and fish/veggie and chips supper.

Contact Helen 07969732109, Mairi 07582 938185 or Phil 07538 187552 for tickets.

This is an A&S Village Hall Fundraising evening, so we politely ask that all drinks are purchased at the event. Thank you.

Rachel Lewis

The Alciston & Selmeston Village Hall Hub

Always held on a Monday and open to all between 11.00 am to 12.30 pm - the March Hub is on the 17th.

The Hub welcomes you all to enjoy refreshments, delicious tea and coffee as well as homemade cake in a convivial, warm environment. Pop in anytime - it's open to everyone; bring your little ones for a run around and meet up with neighbours and friends of all ages.

Please contact any of the committee below if you have any questions or need help with transport to and from the hall.

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Rachel Lewis

S&A Village Hall AGM

7.30 pm on Wednesday 19th March
in S&A Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee warmly invite you to come long to our AGM.

Enjoy a glass of wine with us and find out what we've been doing over the past year and what exciting plans we have for the year ahead.

Notification of the AGM Agenda is posted in the Village Hall and on the notice board. If you would like a copy prior to the meeting email chair.southdownsvillagehall@gmail.com or ring 07969 732109.

Rachel Lewis

Cuckmere Pilgrim Path - Spring Guided Walk Alfriston to Alciston

2.00 pm on Saturday 22nd March

A gentle, 3-hour guided walk from Alfriston church through the eyes of our poet in residence Oenone Thomas and looking at history and natural history along the way. Refreshments provided. Cost is £5 per head. To book please email Oenone Thomas: oenonethomas@icloud.com.

Peter Blee

Bingo is Back in Berwick!

7.00 pm on Friday 28th March
at Berwick Village Hall

Please join the Berwick Produce Show Committee for a fun filled family evening, all ages welcome. 'Eyes down' for the first game of the evenings is 7.30 pm. Bring your own drinks and snacks; tea and coffee will be available.

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Proceeds will go towards helping the running of the Produce Show, and a percentage donation will also go to the Village Hall.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Sue Woodgate
Produce Show Chair
Tel: 01323 870078

VE 80th Anniversary Celebration

Early May Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May

Join us for a shared celebration of 80 years since Victory in Europe at the Alciston & Selmeston Village Hall. Watch this space for more information and details to follow.

Rachel Lewis

The A&S Flower Show 2025

Sunday 10th August at A&S Village Hall.

Hello A&S from the fabulous flower show committee! Happy new gardening year to you all.

Here's a lovely photo to remind us of what a brilliant time we had last year at the Alciston and Selmeston flower show. It really was well supported, and we all had such a wonderful time. Thanks to everyone who came and participated.



Now we are all getting very excited about our gardens coming to life and throwing off the cold and wet of the last few months. So, we can all start thinking about this year's flower show.

As well as all the usual exciting classes we have some new ideas to make the day fun - for example get your poetry head on, folks, as the creative writing class is writing a limerick about your village.

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So, when you're sowing your seeds, planting your seedlings or chitting your spuds think about what will look great at the flower show. And, as always, even if you don't enter any classes, put Sunday 10th August in your diary. The A&S flower show is a fun packed afternoon of socialising with your wonderful neighbours in Alciston and Selmeston.

Neil Creaton

Lambing Season

The lambing season has now begun so please could all dog walkers put their dogs on a lead when they walk through the local farmland. And please can all walkers with or without dogs keep to the designated footpaths. Thank you.

Victoria Burrough

Alciston & Selmeston Village Hall Committee - The Role of Chair

We are reaching out to all villagers in Alciston and Selmeston to ask you to consider joining the A&S Village Hall Committee in the role of Chair. Our current Chair's term, serving 3 years, ends in March when she stands down but continues to support the Committee in a different role.

Please consider joining this vibrant, enthusiastic and supportive Committee who work together as a brilliant team.

Ring Helen on 07969 732109 for more information or speak to any of the Committee.

Rachel Lewis

Family Support Work (FSW)

Dear Friends,

Our work continues to be hugely busy with many new referrals since the start of the year. There have been some very challenging situations, particularly in obtaining support for children with special educational needs where schools are reluctant to commit funding and resources. These cases take up a large amount of practitioners' time but when we are able successfully to secure support, it makes a lifechanging difference to the children in question. We are also finding financial hardship striking many more families, and we are receiving requests to help with even essential items like winter coats and pyjamas as families simply cannot afford these.

Our foodbank remains very well-stocked after the influx of donations at Christmas, so for those who do collect for us please note that we are only really in need of household cleaning products at the moment (washing up liquid, antibacterial spray, etc.)

Many events are now being planned over the coming months. Our Cuckmere Pilgrim Path sponsored walk, which we did for the first time last year, will be returning on Thursday 15th May and we would love to have as many participants as possible. Please contact the fundraising team by email fundraising@familysupportwork.org.uk or call 01273 041401 for further information. There are also a number of local events being organised by our deanery committees, so please look at our website to see what is happening near you.

January's work in numbers

- 253 individual visits and 972 calls with families supporting 286 adults and 202 children.
- 50 supported meetings with other agencies.
- 80 group sessions held supporting 566 parents and 229 children.
- 83 food deliveries made.

Prayer points

- Pray for all those families currently struggling with physical and mental illnesses which are making daily life extremely challenging.
- Pray for wise decisions to be made by Trustees and senior management regarding the new 5-year strategy.
- Pray for our new student social worker Nathalie, who is on placement with us until the end of May.

Nikki Kerr,
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March Gardener's Diary

Spring is nearly upon us, and the soil should be warming up, so get ready for sowing and planting. If your soil is workable, rake it over to produce a nice seed bed ready for your Parsnips and, if not already planted, put your Broad Beans in as well. A good tip with Parsnips is to sow 3 seeds every 4 inches and put a few radish seeds in between them. The Parsnips take a long time to germinate, and the radishes will come through quicker and mark the row.

By the end of the month plant early Potatoes if the soil is workable. Plant the tubers 12 inches apart in rows 2 feet apart, about 5-6 inches deep. Garlic can also be planted now.

Do not rush to plant anything if the soil is too wet, it will always catch up if it's a few weeks late going in.

Lisa Collington

Recipe of the Month: Baked Pasta au Gratin

(Serves 6)

Ingredients

Tomato sauce

500 g short pasta - bows or shells

2 onions skinned and chopped

4 tbsp olive oil

2 cloves of garlic skinned and finely chopped

2 sticks of celery trimmed and chopped

2 x 400 g tins chopped tomatoes

1 level tbsp harissa

Salt and freshly ground pepper

Cheese sauce

50 g butter

2 tbsp flour

725 ml milk

1 tsp Dijon mustard

1 tsp balsamic vinegar

175 g parmesan grated

Salt and freshly ground pepper

Method

Tomato sauce

Saute? the chopped onions in the olive oil until they are very soft and turning golden at the edges. At this point add the garlic and celery and cook for a further 5 minutes. Stir in the chopped tomatoes and harissa. Bring sauce to simmering point and simmer very gently with the pan half covered for 10 minutes. Taste and season with salt and pepper.

Cheese sauce

In another pan melt the butter, stir in the flour, and let this mixture cook for half a minute. Then gradually add the milk, stirring until you have a smooth sauce. Keep stirring until it comes to the boil. Take the pan off the heat, stir in the mustard and vinegar and half the grated parmesan. Season with salt and pepper. Cover the surface of the sauce with a damp piece of grease-proof paper to stop a skin forming.

Pasta

Cook the pasta in boiling salted water until *al dente*. Drain well and mix it with the tomato sauce. Oil an oven-proof dish and pour the tomato pasta into it. Cover the pasta with the cheese sauce and sprinkle the remaining parmesan over the top. Bake in a moderate oven 350?F/180??C/gas mark 4 for about 30 minutes until the cheese is bubbling and golden.

Valerie Shaw

Smuggling in Selmeston

The headlines in our newspapers and on our TVs have been dominated over these past years by articles on Organised Crime Groups, (People) Smuggling, and our trade with Europe, and particularly France. These headlines are nothing new, and in fact, these were also headlining news in the 19th Century.

Following the Napoleonic Wars of 1803-1815, where both the Spanish and French fleets were defeated at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805, the Royal Navy strictly controlled shipping both in and out of Britain. British policy banned the exports to the Napoleonic Empire, in answer to Napoleon's 'Continental System' (forbidding trade with Britain). With the coming of peace in 1815, continental ports re-opened, and some 300,000 soldiers and

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sailors returned to a depressed economy. This combined to produce a revival of organised crime (sound familiar?). There was a ready market in London for fine laces, silks, wines, and brandy that were shipped across the Channel. Smuggling became so large scale and profitable that outside venture capital from 'the wicked capital city' was needed. This finance extended to local villagers who worked as a cooperative, with each villager buying a share in 'the run'. Outside investors would want to protect their investments, so were not averse to hiring those of a violent nature, using fists and clubs along with flintlocks, in getting the goods ashore.



By 1816 the Lords Commissioners to the Treasury highlighted an 'enormous increase in smuggling, let loose by the termination of war'. To combat this, the government organised a 'Coast Blockade' mobilising the personnel and expertise of the Royal Navy, with 26 naval ships and 48 revenue cutters cruising the coast on the look-out for suspicious activity. The blockade ran from the North Forelands of Kent, extending to Beachy Head, and in 1824 as far as Chichester, with the inhabitants of both Kent and Sussex fiercely resenting this presence. By the mid 1820's the sailors of the Coast Blockade were making over 500 seizures a year. Records show that between 1823-24 the blockade seized 18,000 gallons of gin and brandy, 1,900 yards of silk, 590 pounds of tobacco and 1,263 pounds of tea. Along with 50 smugglers arrested, the blockade captured six smuggling luggers, two galleys, one sloop and 35 smaller boats. The penalties ranged from 5 years' service with the Royal Navy, deportation to the colonies, or death by hanging for those using arms to resist arrest. (the last one on 4th April 1822). In 1831 the 'blockade' was merged with the Coast Guard, (hence Coast Guard Cottages close to the Seven Sisters cliffs), but it was not until the 1840's that the dramatic reduction in import taxes made smuggling less profitable.

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Market Cross House (now Ye Old Smugglers Inn) in Alfriston was the home of Stanton Collins, a butcher by trade during the day, and the head of The Alfriston Smuggling Gang (1822-1831) at night, who were, at one time, singularly successful in eluding the local Coast Guard and Revenue Officers.

The smugglers were often referred to as 'Owlers' for working in the dead of night and using the call of the owl as a warning signal. One local judge remarked: 'For years they defied the law, and although many outrages committed at the time were attributed to them, they plied their trade with so much caution that no factual evidence could be brought against them. No doubt this was a measure owing to the connivance of the inhabitants of Alfriston and Selmeston.'

Market Cross House was ideal for the smugglers, since it had 21 rooms, six staircases, 48 doors, with a maze of passageways making escape easier from the Customs men, with a special hideaway in the roof. A recent plaque placed outside the pub recalls its illustrious history.

Reputedly, it also had tunnels in the cellar, leading to nearby houses, where gang members could disappear into the night. The gang used the Cuckmere Valley to bring their booty ashore, somewhere around Hope Gap, where it would then be distributed to safe places, one of these being under an old altar tomb in Simpson Churchyard (as Selmeston was often referred to in the 19th Century).

It is said that the gang never forgot to leave a small tub of brandy for the parson on the

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steps of the old parsonage. The current owner is forever hopeful!

The gang was only broken up when Stanton Collins was caught stealing barley and a sheep and put on trial at the Assizes in Lewes in 1831. He was deported to Australia for 7 years, with the last gang member, Bob Hall, dying in the workhouse in Eastbourne in 1895 aged 94.Excerpt from 'A Smugglers Song' by Rudyard Kipling:

If you wake at midnight, and hear a horse's feet, don't go drawing back the blind, or looking in the street, them that asks no questions isn't told a lie.

Watch the wall my darling while the Gentleman go by. Five and twenty ponies, trotting through the dark- Brandy for the Parson, 'Baccy for the Clerk.

Laces for a lady; letters for a spy, Watch the wall my darling while the Gentleman go by!

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Berwick Church Volunteers Needed for Educational Outreach

Volunteers are needed to support our outreach worker in hosting visits from schools and charity groups. The role varies with each group but usually involves helping to deliver pre-planned educational/wellbeing/creative activities inside the church, and outside in its surrounding rural environment, as well as serving refreshments.

No experience is needed, and all training will be given. Hours are flexible, with volunteers signing up only to those sessions that suit them. Help with transport costs and practicalities (pick-ups from Berwick train station) can be offered.

The role would suit people who like interacting with people of all ages/abilities and encouraging their wellbeing and development.

Contact Catherine Marsh Lewis on 0771 5347625 or email outreach@berwickchurch.org.uk for further information. To gain an insight into the unique nature of the church and its paintings, visit www.berwickchurch.org.uk.

Peter Blee

Flying Colours

Let's get the smug bit out of the way. This January I visited an incredible bird watching and conservation organisation in the Western Ghats, India, run by highly skilled and welcoming environmentalists, spotting 75 remarkable bird species, of which many are endemic to this region.

A notable feature of these tropical species is their astonishing colour palette: vivid reds, brilliant pinks, and intense greens. There are a few reasons behind plumage colour. Bold colours can be flaunted as a display tactic by males to impress females and shame rivals in competition for a mate or territory. Colour can be used as a camouflage and survival technique, whether blending into surroundings, or by confusing predators with reflective iridescence.

A fellow Brit commented on how our birds don't really compare when it comes to colour, but there are some spectacular species to prove them wrong. Back in Sussex, Spring is just starting to peep in; the season where we finally experience those explosions of colour after such a long wait. Aside from an excuse to show off about my grey-escape holiday, I thought a celebration of our most colourful birds was due.

Firstly, Kingfishers. They also reside in India, but they're too bright and beautiful not to make the cut. A wetland and reedbed regular, these fabulous fishers take blue to another level. There's no mistaking their tiny turquoise shimmer as they dart down a watercourse, or perch stock still on a branch, ripple-peering.

A regular on feeders, Blue Tits can be overlooked. Take a moment to appreciate that lemon and azure plumage, merging with navy and tinged with green. Once another common garden staple, Bullfinches are sadly now a rare treat to see. If you spot a male, peachy-coral chest set against muted hues of grey and black, it can't be anything else.

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Although wowing crowds with their aerial acrobatics in murmuration, you could be forgiven for thinking Starlings individually are somewhat ordinary. Think again. Up close, and in the right light, Starlings are a mass of beautiful iridescent purples, greens and golden yellows.



Corvids are considered a little plain, but what about an emerald Magpie tail or the sapphire flash of a Jay feather? A Jackdaw's pale iris can seem blue against dark feathers, and sometimes, in low summer sun, jet-black Rook plumage can look purple.

Who needs a Malabar Trogon or a Flame-throated Bulbul? Not me! Well... not for eleven months of the year anyway.

Kerry Williams:
Communications Officer - Conservation

From the Vicarage

If you read the newspapers or watch the news, you may think the world is going to hell in a handcart - by Tuesday - and that the UK is in the lead, closely followed by the USA. It can really get one down.

During the pandemic, Pope Francis wrote this: "Wars and peace, pandemics and health care, hunger and access to food, global warming and sustainable development, the displacement of populations, the elimination of nuclear threats and the reduction of inequalities: these are not matters that concern individual nations alone. We understand this better nowadays, in a world that is amply connected, yet often lacks a sense of fraternity. All of us are brothers and sisters! Let us pray to the Most High that, after this time of trial, there may no longer be "others", but rather, a great "we", rich in diversity. The time has come to boldly dream anew that peace is possible, that it is necessary, that a world without war is not utopian."

With the world seeming to lurch from one 'time of trial' to the next, and the media, and human nature, it must be said, dwelling on the most negative stories that emerge, are we able to dream of a world of peace and stability? How much of the world's care and people's pain do we take to heart?

For the most part, we feel powerless to change big events. When we have some power in our hands, such as in democratic elections, we may get it wrong, because of our perspective, our own needs and desires. Vice-President Vance's theology, his take on the 'ordo amoris' (hierarchy of love), articulated by Saint Augustine, says love your family first, then your neighbour, then your community, then your country, then the world. (Church Times 7 February, p 15)

To love your children, your family, is an instinctive thing, unconditional and emotional; this is the great building block of a stable society. Loving one's country is about culture and belonging and inspires loyalty. However, loving a stranger, or someone who has strong opinions with which you do not agree, or even loving your enemy, requires treating them with dignity and respect, seeing the world from their point of view. Not an easy thing to do.

We are never as powerless as we imagine. If you pray, that is the first thing to do - there we can hand our troubles and those of the world to almighty God, who holds past, present and future in his hands. He has great love and mercy for us fragile human beings and requires that we look upon others as precious to him as we are. This cannot be done without the touch of the Holy Spirit in our lives, for we are far too selfish.

Practically speaking, though, what can we do? Possibly stop watching the news avidly or find someone who would benefit from an act of kindness. Let's look for hope and be cheerful, smile, enjoy what good we have in our lives. We have much to be thankful for, the great "we" can start here.

Rev Shirley



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Church Services and Morning Prayer

Sunday 2nd March
09:30 Selmeston Holy Communion
09:30 Arlington Holy Communion
11:00 Berwick Holy Communion
11:00 Wilmington Holy Communion

Wednesday 5th March
19.00 Alciston Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday 9th March
09:30 Alciston Holy Communion (BCP)
09:30 Arlington Holy Communion
11:00 Berwick Holy Communion
11:00 Wilmington Holy Communion

Sunday 16th March
09:30 Selmeston Holy Communion
09:30 Arlington Holy Communion
11:00 Berwick Holy Communion
11:00 Wilmington Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd March
09:30 Alciston Holy Communion (BCP)
09:30 Arlington Holy Communion
11:00 Berwick Holy Communion
11:00 Wilmington Holy Communion

Mothering Sunday 30th March
09:30 Arlington Holy Communion (BCP)
09:30 Selmeston Holy Communion
11:00 Wilmington Holy Communion

Prayer

9.30 am each Wednesday at Berwick church. (On the first Wednesday of the month there is Holy Communion (BCP) instead.)

5.00 pm each Thursday online Zoom meeting - please contact Shirley Pearce for login code (revshirleym@gmail.com).

To receive a weekly notification about services (the Sunday Link) please email the Benefice Administrator at benefice.administrator@berwickchurch.org.uk

Pastoral Prayer or Talk

Peter Blee and Shirley Pearce are available to speak to people on the phone and are also able to pray with people on request in church at Morning Prayer and to offer help in any way possible.
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